

## BELLows FALLS NEWS

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of  
Hon. and Mrs. A. N. Swain

200 Friends Called at Their Home Tuesday Evening, When They Were Presented with a Loving Cup.

Last Tuesday evening marked the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Hon. and Mrs. A. N. Swain. Citizens of Bellows Falls and all the vicinity took the occasion to remind the couple of the fact, and as was referred to a number of times during the evening, for the fourth time to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their union. The occasion was a very happy one, and the guests were much pleased to be present. This year marks also the 50th of their lives here, as well as the 50th of their membership in the First Congregational church of Bellows Falls. The attendants upon which united in presenting an elegant silver loving cup Tuesday evening.

Preparations for the event had been in progress but a day or two as the approach of the day had not been recognized by their friends until then. Citizens of all this locality without distinction of social, business, or church lines united to make the evening one of rare enjoyment. The whole house was a bower of flowers, and the tables were laden with a number of boxes arrived during the day containing the magnificent number of 200.

The occasion was all of a very informal and pleasing nature, and during the evening it is estimated that at least 200 persons called. Dr. W. W. Osgood made a fitting speech in presenting the loving cup, and Mr. Swain responded in a very happy and feeling manner, giving some incidents of his experiences of the past. A large variety of other presents of much value were received, and at an appropriate point of the exercises the Beta Pi boys' club of the Congregational church entered the room in true military style, fully armed, and under charge of Lieut. D. F. Pollard, their instructor. While the company was at "parade rest," the bugles outside sounded the salute and the company came to "attention" and the president of the club, Leveitt Lovell, in a neat speech informed Mr. Swain of his election to honorary membership, pinning the badge of the club upon the lapel of his coat.

Refreshments were served and a social time passed, marking one of the pleasant events of the year. Albert Nathaniel Swain was born in Reading, Vt., July 12, 1832; learned the printer's trade in the office of the Vermont Journal at Windsor, and soon became assistant editor of the Vermont Republican, then published at Brattleboro. August 6, 1858, he came to Bellows Falls and issued the first number of the Bellows Falls Times, which he published and edited for over 12 years. October 1, 1888, he sold the paper and has since led a quiet life, spending much time in banking interests, being president of the Bellows Falls Savings Institution, and in the interests of the Rockingham Free Public Library. No resident of the town is more universally respected and loved than he, and no one whom our citizens more delight to see on an occasion where they can do him honor.

He married November 18, 1854, Susan W., daughter of John L. and Phoebe Putnam of Brattleboro, and Mrs. Swain has ever been a helpmeet in every sense, both in his business and social life. They have no children except an adopted daughter, who married Henry C. Johnson and whose daughter is the wife of Charles E. Dunbar of Brattleboro.

Their 50th anniversary was observed by our citizens in 1871, at which time the late Capt. Walter Taylor and wife headed a procession from the village to the residence of Mr. Swain, and with the cornet band marched to Mr. Swain's and made a complete surprise there. The procession reached from Mr. Swain's to the residence of Mr. Swain, and with the cornet band marched to Mr. Swain's and made a complete surprise there. The procession reached from Mr. Swain's to the residence of Mr. Swain, and with the cornet band marched to Mr. Swain's and made a complete surprise there.

Again, 25 years ago, the silver anniversary was also observed, the procession starting at Wyman Flint's, and containing over 300 people. It was headed by Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Dacombe, and was again accompanied by the band, Mr. Dacombe led in the speaking, followed by Dr. S. M. Blake, Rev. W. H. Root of Emmanuel church, Rev. S. H. McClellan of the Universalist church, who recited an original poem, copies of which were on the table Tuesday night, and many others. Music was furnished by Calvin L. Barber, "Miss Hattie Brown," "Miss Fanny Parr" and others. When the party broke up at a late hour they left with the couple a case of solid silver of 23 pieces, a silver soup tureen and solid silver ladle, a silver syrup cup, "Rogers' stationary" clock mounted in the house, with the ebony pedestal, an alarm clock in a silver case, and numerous other smaller mementoes.

Few were present Tuesday evening who were there 25 years ago and fewer still of the company of 50 years ago, but with those memory was busy spanning the space of the years, recalling with pride the transpired and calling up the familiar faces of those days.

## Sudden Death of George F. Ball.

George Franklin Ball, son of the late Franklin P. Ball and member of the athletic sportsman, died at his home in Brattleboro, Nov. 15, at the age of 23 years. He had not been ill at all, and was in the best of health when he died. He was a very popular man, and his death was a great loss to the community. He was a member of the Brattleboro Athletic Club, and had been a member of the club for several years. He was a very good athlete, and had won many prizes in various sports. He was a very kind and generous man, and was loved by all who knew him. His death was a great shock to his family, and the community. He was buried in the Brattleboro cemetery on Monday morning.

## Sheriff and His Deputies at the Ringside Tonight.

The boxing match under the auspices of the Fall Mountain Athletic Club at North Walpole, N. H., between Jack Curran of Springfield, Mass., and Jerry Gaines, two well-known heavy weights, will have an interest which has not usually attended such a meeting. The North Walpole club has been pulling off these mills at irregular intervals several seasons. County Solicitor Cain of Cheshire county has come to the conclusion that these matches are fights arranged by appointment and are there-

fore in direct violation of the New Hampshire law. The principals and managers would be liable to imprisonment and fine if the courts should find this to be the case, and the spectators might be deemed accessories. The statutes prescribe a fine of not over \$1000 and imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year for the violation of the provisions against fights arranged by appointment.

Solicitor Cain has arranged to have Sheriff Tuttle and a sufficient number of deputies attend the club meeting tonight. They will be armed with the necessary papers to arrest and detain all who may take part or may be needed as witnesses or otherwise, if it should prove, in their opinion, that the contestants undertake to pull off a fight within the meaning of the law.

December 7 has been decided upon as the date of concert to be given by the annual poultry train of the Rutland railroad will be run to Boston Nov. 23.

The seniors of the high school will have their annual dance in Union hall Friday evening, Dec. 29.

An artesian well is being drilled for the Boston Dairy company near their factory on the island.

The Methodist, Baptist and Congregational churches held a union missionary meeting in the Baptist church last evening, with C. W. Osgood leader.

Miss Annie Way, the well known violinist of North Charlestown, played last Monday evening at the Woman's Chorus club at its weekly rehearsal.

Woman's Chorus club, rehearsals for which are going forward each Monday evening. The club will render "The Flower Maiden" and "The Sea and Moon."

Mrs. C. H. Shephardson has sold her millinery business on Westminster street, on account of ill health. The store was bought by Bart Chellis of Chelmsford who will sell by auction or to some one who will continue the business.

The Mount Kilburn missionary society of the Congregational church will hold a sale of bags, fancy articles, candy and ice cream in the church vestry next Wednesday evening. An entertainment also will be given, entitled "Mrs. Bragg's Hair and Day."

A meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Congregational church was held at the parsonage Friday afternoon and evening. The afternoon meeting was followed by a social hour and tea, the men coming for the latter. The offering amounted to \$65.70, with probably more envelopes to be received.

The College club held a regular meeting at the high school building Monday evening. The principal event of the evening was the paper on "Typhus in History," by Rev. Charles Brown, pastor of the Baptist church in Saxtons River. A committee consisting of Rev. C. W. Jackson, Rev. L. O. Shubert and W. C. Belknap was appointed to arrange for a public lecture.

A bazaar will be given by the senior class of the high school Nov. 23 in Assembly hall. The juniors will preside at the candy table, the sophomores over the ice cream and cake and the freshmen will have charge of the post office. The seniors will have charge of the fancy work. A booth will be in charge of the high school teachers. The funds from the bazaar will be added to those which the class already has in store for their Washington trip during the Easter vacation.

The Fall Mountain Electric Light & Power company has filed their dam and penstock at "The Forest" plant, and started the wheel, but the dynamo has not arrived and so no electricity is being generated there. The purchase of the power and mills at Lawrence Mills does not take effect until July, 1907, and the old proprietor, Jay H. Lawrence, will conduct the business and trade at the falls until then. It is not expected that electric company will utilize the power at present but will hold it for future needs.

A union service in the interest of the Kurr-Hatton homes will be held at the Universalist church next Sunday evening. Charles E. Bishop, superintendent of the homes, will give an illustrated talk and read of the home from the home. The pictures will show the surrounding country and buildings and the boys at work and at play. Rev. F. L. Leavitt has placed at the disposal of Mr. Bishop the lantern which he has used in his Sunday evening lectures. At the close of the service a Thanksgiving offering will be taken for the benefit of the home.

A real estate transaction of much interest in this vicinity the past week has been the purchase by the Vermont Marble company of Proctor of about 1100 acres of woodland in the towns of Grafton and Windham. About \$17,000 was paid to V. A. Wilbur of Grafton for the property, which is covered with a good growth of spruce. The marble company is not expecting to cut it at present, but is holding it, and about \$40,000 worth of similar adjoining land that the company bought last year, for the future needs of the Vermont Marble company.

It is understood that Gov. Proctor has approved two bills passed by the present session of the legislature affecting the electric roads here. One was the granting of the present railroad the right to build a branch track to the New Hampshire line on the new steel arch bridge over the Connecticut, upon condition that the New Hampshire legislature enables it to continue the line through the town of Walpole. The other is to release upon favorable terms a charter granted some years ago to a company to build an electric road from Saxtons River to Grafton and Windham. The previous charter was limited in time and had expired because no work was done, while the new charter is unlimited.

A Boston paper tells the following concerning "Ned" Green, a former resident here: "Ned" Green's son, who was a prominent member of the local militia, was killed in a large way, and all by accident. When the government was experimenting with the bolt weevil Mr. Green built two enormous for the use of the investigators. After the government finished with the places Mr. Green built two enormous for the use of the investigators. After the government finished with the places Mr. Green built two enormous for the use of the investigators.

The Panama Canal. Why the Panama canal is to be a lock instead of a sea-level canal, what are the problems of construction to be met and conquered, how Panama compares with Suez, what are the chief advantages of and objections to lock-canal construction, why Chinese labor must be employed, present conditions in the canal zone, and the importance of local order and harmony—these are matters upon which many persons are clamoring for clear, definite, authoritative information. These topics and many others of live interest will be covered in the December Century in an account of "The Panama Canal" by the Hon. William Howard Taft, secretary of war. The article should prove one of the most valuable and illuminating contributions of the year to our magazine literature.

Railroad business seems to be prosperous in New England. The quarterly report of the New Haven system shows a reduction of more than \$50,000 in expenses and a gain of \$450,000 in gross receipts. The Boston & Maine's report for the same period shows a gross increase of nearly three-quarters of a million, and a net increase of something over \$100,000.

## BOYS' WEEK

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## BEGINNING OF CIVIL WAR.

How President Lincoln Met the Crisis of the Southern Rebellion.

Days went on, and by the middle of April the Confederate government found itself forced to a fatal choice. Either it must begin war or allow the rebellion to collapse. All its claims to independence were denied; the commissioners it sent to Washington on the pretense that they were agents of a foreign country were politely refused a hearing, yet not one angry word, or provoking threat, or a single harmful act had come from the "Black Republic" since the war began. Inaugural he had promised the people of the South peace and protection, had offered them the benefit of the mails, even now all he proposed to do was to send bread to Anderson and his hungry soldiers. His prudent policy placed them where, as he had told them, they could have no war unless they themselves chose to begin it.

They did choose to begin it. The rebellion was the work of ambitious men, who had no mind to stop at that late day, and see their labor go for nothing. The officer in charge of their batteries at Fort Sumter refused to surrender, and in the dim light of dawn on April 12, 1861, just as the outline of Fort Sumter began to show itself against the sky, the shot that opened the Civil War rang from a rebel battery and made its slow and graceful curve upon Sumter. Soon all the batteries were in action, and the fort was replying with a will. Anderson held out for a day and a half, until his cartridges were all used up, his dagstaff had been shot away and the wooden buildings inside the fort were on fire. Then, as the ships with supplies had not yet arrived, and he had neither food nor ammunition, he was forced to surrender. The news of the firing upon Fort Sumter changed the mood of the country as if by magic. By deliberate act of the Confederate government its attempt at peaceable secession had been changed to active war. The Confederates gained Fort Sumter, but in doing so they roused the patriotism of the North to a firm resolve that this insult to the flag should be redressed, and that the unrighteous experiment of a rival government founded upon slavery as its "corner stone," should never succeed. In one of his speeches on the journey to Washington Mr. Lincoln had said that devoted as he was to peace, it might become necessary to "put the foot down firmly." That time had now come. On April 15, the day after the fall of Fort Sumter, all the newspapers of the country printed the President's call to arms, ordering out 75,000 men for three months, and directing Congress to meet in special session on July 4, 1861. The North rallied instantly to the support of the government, and offered him twice the number of soldiers he asked for.

Nothing more clearly shows the difference between President Lincoln and President Buchanan than the way in which the two men met the acts of the Southern rebellion. President Buchanan temporized and delayed when he had plenty of power. President Lincoln, without a moment's hesitation, accepted the great and unusual responsibility thrust upon him, and at once issued orders for buying ships, moving troops, advancing money to committees of safety, and for other military and naval measures for which at the moment he had no express authority from Congress. (From Helen Nicholas's "The Boys' Life of Lincoln" in St. Nicholas.)

Under authority of Secretary Wilson and Postmaster General Cortelyou the office of public roads, department of agriculture, and the bureau of the fourth assistant postmaster general, post office department, have been cooperating in a plan to effect toward the improvement of public highways on which rural delivery service has been established. Good results in the way of generally improved road conditions have been obtained in New York, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri through action taken by road officials in those cities on reports submitted by rural letter carriers. The fourth assistant postmaster general is now in correspondence with road officials in New Jersey and Minnesota, and the indications are that these roads will cooperate in the general movement, which, in his opinion, will result in striking improvements in roadways throughout the country.

## A TREASURE ISLAND STORY.

But Not by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Acting under instructions cabled from England, John P. O'Brien, a laborer employed in the wrecking of the world's fair buildings, has unearthed an all-glass bag containing jewels valued at \$50,000 which were stolen from Mr. and Mrs. P. Henry Clayton of Devonshire, Eng., during a visit to the Louisiana purchase exposition at St. Louis, two years ago. The jewels were stolen from a trunk, and they were not missed until the Clayton had returned to England after a tour around the world. They then had no means of knowing where the jewels had been stolen. About a month ago a Hindu servant, who had been in their employ during the trip, was fatally injured by an elephant in India, and on his death bed confessed that he stole the jewels while in St. Louis. He said that he became alarmed and fearing detection had dropped them into a hole in the wall of the manufacture building. Later he again wished to secure the gems, but on returning to the place where he had secreted them, could not reach the bottom of the space between the plaster and the side of the building. Fearing to make any inquiries or ask assistance he had departed from St. Louis with the Clayton, leaving the jewels in their hiding place. O'Brien was generously rewarded, and was also employed by Mr. Clayton as his personal attendant.

Northern Maine is reaping millions from her great natural resources this year. The development of these resources having been carried farther than ever before. Half a billion feet of logs, worth from \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000; 15,000,000 bushels of potatoes, worth at a low estimate \$8,000,000, and \$1,000,000 worth of hay are some of the items. The potato crop is the most valuable ever raised, because the farmers of Aroostook planted more acres, used more fertilizer and more scientific methods, and the rich natural soil was able to turn out a record-breaking crop. The great log manufacturing industry has been increased by fully 100,000,000 feet because of the new seaboard outlet for Northern Maine.

## A Terminal Which Will Cost \$35,000,000.

A striking example of the tremendous scale of New York city, of how the huge enterprises of yesterday are dwarfed by the vaster undertakings of today, is furnished by the reconstruction of the Grand Central station. Seven years ago the present terminal of the New York Central and the New Haven systems at 42nd street was completed at a cost of \$25,000,000. It was regarded as a sufficient monument to the commercial greatness of the metropolis, adequate for its needs for many decades. Engineers ranked it among the best equipped railroad stations in the world. As yet, after only seven years' use, this great structure must be torn down to make way for one of far vaster proportions. Never in the history of the city has so much growth made necessary the sacrifice of a building so large or so costly. In the progress of engineering the rebuilding of this great railroad terminal will mark a new era. According to the testimony of experts, no such task was ever attempted as that of laying a new system of tracks without suspending the operation of the regular passenger trains. The entire expense of the construction and equipment of the terminal will be \$35,000,000, or half the annual earnings of the entire New York Central system. With a thirty express and suburban tracks, it will be able to accommodate 100,000 passengers a day, and through it it will have 12 miles of tracks in its yards. Thirty-five electric locomotives, each 2500 horse-power and weighing 100 tons, will haul the great trains in and out. One hundred and twenty-five motor cars, each of 400 horse-power and weighing 55 tons, will be used to operate the cars. The new terminal is expected to take four more years, nevertheless the public will enjoy many of its benefits before that time. According to the railroad's present plans, the first regular electric trains will be in operation by Nov. 10.

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Alan R. Hawley and J. C. McCoy, New York aeronauts, made an ascent from Pittsfield, Friday, landing near North Adams. They were pursued by several automobiles, whose drivers contested for a cup given by Mr. Hawley. Cortland P. Bishop, president of the Aero club, was the winner, reaching the landing place in time to haul down the balloon.